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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
Riverside Avenue Site - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region II

**Subject:** POLREP #7  
Riverside Avenue Site  
02PC  
Newark, NJ  
Latitude: 40.7670135 Longitude: -74.1593681

**To:** Andrew Raddant, Department of Interior  
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**From:** Eric M. Daly, On-Scene Coordinator

**Date:** 11/18/2011

**Reporting Period:** 11/05/11 thru 11/18/11

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 Background**

<b>Site Number:</b>	02PC	<b>Contract Number:</b>	EP-S2-10-01
<b>D.O. Number:</b>	0038	<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	8/23/2011
<b>Response Authority:</b>	CERCLA	<b>Response Type:</b>	Time-Critical
<b>Response Lead:</b>	EPA	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	
<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	9/30/2011	<b>Start Date:</b>	10/17/2011
<b>Demob Date:</b>		<b>Completion Date:</b>	
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	NJSFN0204232	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>	
<b>ERNS No.:</b>		<b>State Notification:</b>	
<b>FPN#:</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>	

**1.1.1 Incident Category**

Time-Critical CERCLA Removal Action

**1.1.2 Site Description**

The Riverside Avenue Site is an abandoned industrial facility on the banks of the Passaic River. Since the early 1900s the Site had been used for many businesses, including a paint manufacturer, a packaging company, and a chemical warehouse. It consists of two abandoned buildings on approximately two

acres. The property is owned by the City of Newark and was acquired in tax foreclosure proceedings.

#### **1.1.2.1 Location**

29 Riverside Avenue, Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, between the Passaic River and Marder Highway.

#### **1.1.2.2 Description of Threat**

Ten abandoned 12,000-15,000 gallon USTs containing hazardous wastes have been identified on the property. Approximately 100 3,000 -10,000 gallon ASTs have been identified in the buildings, many of which have been sampled for hazardous materials. Two tanks containing an oily wastes have been identified in the basement of one of the buildings. A number of 55-gallon drums and smaller containers have been observed in the buildings.

In addition, there are a number of sumps that may contain hazardous substances.

#### **1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results**

The preliminary assessment was completed in 2010. Two basement tanks in one building and the sumps of the other building have been sampled for hazardous waste characterization. See Documents Section for results of the site assessment sampling/analytical.

## **2. Current Activities**

### **2.1 Operations Section**

#### **2.1.1 Narrative**

See Profile section.

#### **2.1.2 Response Actions to Date**

OSC Daly was at Riverside to oversee removal operations during this time period. ERRS finished wrapping asbestos with plastic in working areas. Paint chips, asbestos dust, and floor debris was bagged and staged for proper disposal. On 11/07/11, OSC Lucarino and Daly performed a Level B entry into Building #12 basement (Ladder, safety harness, SCBA) to perform air monitoring and assess the basement floor/tanks. There were no readings above background utilizing two Multi-Rae units. There was about six inches of liquid on the floor with noticeable sediment. Area was cleared for ERRS sampling. On 11/17/11-Enforcement Team Phone Conference. Review of PRP search efforts, site priorities, future enforcement sampling efforts, and interaction with other EPA programs was discussed. DESA is scheduled to reconnaissance the UST for enforcement sampling and perform sampling the week of 12/5/11. Analytical results for UST samples, soil surrounding the UST, from Building #7 Basement (aqueous/sediment) were received by KEMRON Chemist and a summary of findings was received. Disposal bid for contents of UST will go out next week. Analytical results for Building #7: Floor Sweeps/roof tank, Building #12 Floor Sweeps, basement sediment, basement liquid were received on 11/18/11. Summary pending. Sampling preparation started for Building #7, Floor 2/3 Varnish Tanks. Product levels and tank access were recorded. OSC Daly contacted City of Newark Representatives (Fire Department, OEM, and technical personnel), NJDEP, USCG, EPA RCRA, and EPA RMP regarding Buildings #13, #15, and #19. On 11/17/11, OSC Daly and a City of Newark Representative evaluated safe entry into Building #15 for pending Level B entry and eventual sampling for removal eligibility. Preparation of Building #15 is scheduled for the week of 11/28/11. On 11/18/11, NJDEP and City of Newark Fire Department conducted an inspection on the chemical facility occupying Buildings #13 and #14 (Same buildings that OSC and USCG conducted a walkthrough last week). Findings will be passed onto relevant agency contacts.

**Riverside Site will be demobilized 11/18/11 for the holiday with the exception of armed security guard service. Work will commence on 11/28/11.**

### **2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)**

EPA met with representatives from the City of Newark on the site on 11/09/09 to discuss the history of the site and the City's environmental assessment activities for the property to date. EPA will work with the City of Newark to identify PRPs for the site. During the 2/11/2011 recon the OSC discovered paperwork in a former office area bearing the logo of "Ted Frey Industries" and "Abrachem Logistics", both companies are believed to have operated at this location in the past. However, from prior knowledge at another Superfund site, both of these companies went bankrupt and ceased to exist years ago. The OSC has identified three other PRPs and will work with regional ORC to gather additional information regarding these PRPs.

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### **2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

<b>Waste Stream</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Manifest #</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Disposal</b>

### **2.2 Planning Section**

No information available at this time.

### **2.3 Logistics Section**

No information available at this time.

### **2.4 Finance Section**

#### **2.4.1 Narrative**

An Action Memo in the amount of \$1,175,000 was approved on 8/23/2011 for this removal action.

### **2.5 Other Command Staff**

No information available at this time.

## **3. Participating Entities**

### **3.1 Unified Command**

n/a

### **3.2 Cooperating Agencies**

USCG

NJ Division of Criminal Justice

City of Newark OEM  
City of Newark Fire Department  
NJDEP

**4. Personnel On Site**

1-Response Manager  
3-Techs  
1-Foreman  
1-Field Accountant  
2-Operators

1-T&D Coordinator/Chemist (Off-Site hours authorized)

**5. Definition of Terms**

No information available at this time.

**6. Additional sources of information**

No information available at this time.

**7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.